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SUBJECT: REPORT OF GOE DELEGATION TO VI LOS SESSION

1. SUMMARY. FINAL REPORT OF GOE LOS DELEGATION WAS
RELEASED TO PRESS BY FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JULY 20.
REPORT RECOUNTS GOE EFFORTS TO RETAIN MAXIMUM TERRITORIALISTS
INPUT INTO EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE REGIME AND DISCUSSES
POSITION TAKEN BY GOE DEL ON OTHER ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE,
SUCH AS DEEP SEABED EXPLOITATION, CONFLICT RESOLUTION,
AND COASTAL STATE CONTROL OVER SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION.
GENERAL TENOR OF REPORT OVER SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION.
GENERAL TENOR OF REPORT IS POSITIVE AND PORTRAYS
ECUADOR AS UPHOLDING PRINCIPLE WHILE MAKING ATTEMPTS
TO FIND COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS ON MOST DIVISIVE ISSUES.
END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR EMPHASIS IN ALL PRESS TREATMENT OF THE
REPORT IS ON 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. GOE IS
PORTRAYED AS MAINTAINING A STRONG TERRITORIALIST POSITION.
AT THE SAME TIME, AMB. VALENCIA'S REPORT EXPLICITLY
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RECOGNIZES THAT GREAT MAJORITY FAVORS A 12/188
TERRITORIAL SEA/ECONOMIC ZONE. ACCORDING TO THE
REPORT, GOE EMPHASIS IN THIS SESSION WAS ON INSURING
THAT YET-TO-BE DETERMINED RULES FOR THE ECONOMIC
ZONE CONTAIN THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE TERRITORIALISTS,
E.G., RECOGNITION THAT COASTAL STATE EXERCISES
SOVEREIGNTY IN THE ZONE, EMPHASIS ON EXCLUSIVE CHARACTER

OF THE ZONE, AND RECOGNITION THAT THE ZONE IS NOT PART OF THE HIGH SEAS. IT ALSO NOTED ECUADOR'S INSISTENCE THAT COASTAL STATE HAVE TOTAL CONTROL OVER SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE. REPORT STATES THAT ECONOMIC ZONE CONCEPT IS VINDICATION OF ECUADOR'S 25-YEAR BATTLE FOR 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA.

3. ON SEABED EXPLOITATION, REPORT STATES THAT ECUADOR ADHERED TO THE GROUP OF 77 POSITION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG, EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY. IT ALSO SAID THAT GOE DEL WAS ACTIVE IN INSISTING THAT THE AUTHORITY HAVE SUFFICIENT FINANCING, AND THAT THE BURDEN OF PROVIDING INITIAL FINANCING SHOULD FALL ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

4. REPORT DEALT IN SOME DETAIL WITH PROBLEM OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION, NOTING THE GULF BETWEEN THOSE COUNTRIES-- INCLUDING ECUADOR-- WHO INSIST ON NATIONAL COURT JURISDICTION IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE, AND THOSE WHO WANT DISPUTES SUBMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION. THE REPORT SAID THAT ECUADOR PROPOSED A COMPROMISE UNDER WHICH CERTAIN ACTIONS BY THE COASTAL STATE COULD BE SUBMITTED TO NON-COMPULSORY CONCILIATION TRIBUNALS. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT THAT INITIATIVE WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED IN THE CONFERENCE BUT NO FINAL ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE ISSUE.
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5. REPORT NOTED THAT DISAGREEMENT ON ABOVE ITEMS GENERALLY PITTED DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED STATES VS. DEVELOPING COASTAL STATES. IT TREATED OPPOSING VIEWS OF ABOVE ISSUES QUITE FAIRLY AND DISPASSIONATELY. THE TONE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT FEW ISSUES WERE SETTLED, BUT WAS GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL EVENTUALLY END SUCCESSFULLY.
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